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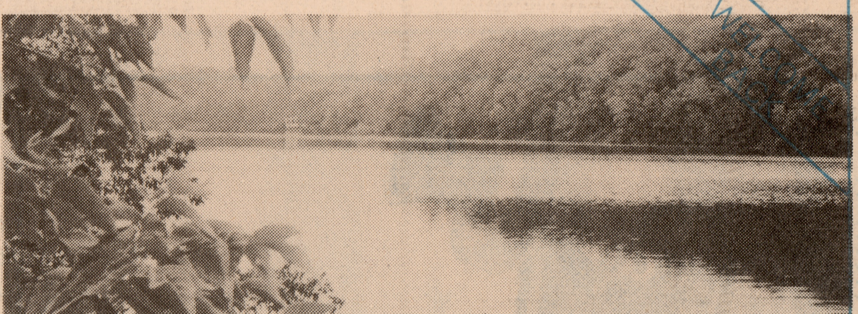

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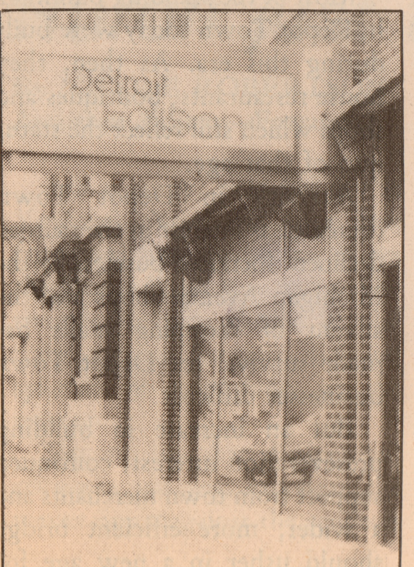
The pre-settler age of Ypsilanti history is perhaps similiar to that of most cities throughout lower Michigan: glaciers, Indian villages and French exploration.

But after this point, Ypsilanti history develops from a series of key and unique occurrences. The result is a symbolic quilt of events and eras weaved together with the fiber of its people.

The year 1809 marked the first time a white man had entered the area which was later to become Ypsilanti. Three frenchmen—Garbriel Godfroy, Francois Pepein and Romaine La Chambre—entered the Huron River area from where a series of trails met.



Upon the site of the modern-day Detroit Edison building, the three men erected a trading post, the first log structure in Washtenaw County.

Little occurred in the area until April of 1823, when Benjamin Woodruff landed his canoe with his fellow travelers. Soon a rude settlement had sprung up in the wilderness.

The village was given the title "Woodruff's Grove" to secure mailing privileges, the closest recognized postoffice being located in Detroit.

As Woodruff's Grove grew, despite periods of famine and malaria, the Michigan wilderness was being settled and an emphasis on commerce and trade developed. The need for a road connecting Detroit with Chicago (Michigan Avenue) was recognized and a surveyor asssigned the job in 1825.

Land began to be sold in large parcels along the proposed road and the chief purchasers wanted to adopt a name. "Waterville" and "Palmyra" were suggested. But it was the recommendation of Judge Augustus Woodward which prevailed.

Woodward, a scholar of Greek and enthralled with its history, referred the settlers to the triumphs of Demetrius Ypsilanti against Turkish rule.

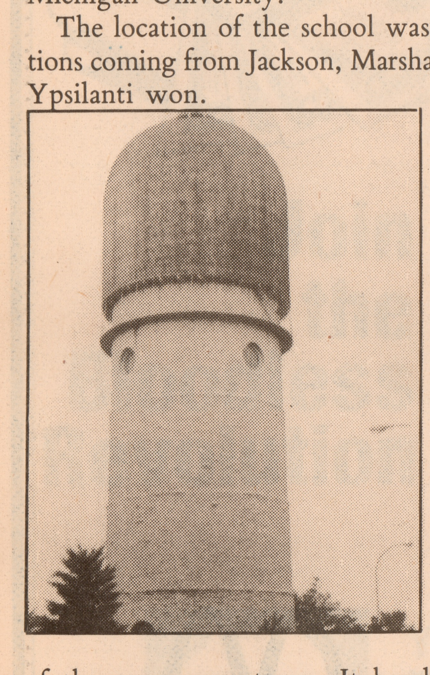
Ypsilanti, with 300 hundred men, held the Citadel of Argos for three days against an army of thirty thousand. He later escaped into the night with his men without the loss of a single life.

Ypsilanti began to change from a frontier hamlet to a promising and prosperous community. New settlers came and its first one, Woodruff, died in 1837.

With the 1830s also came the railroad, following several aborted attempts to bring it into the county. The first train left Detroit for Ypsilanti on Feb. 8, 1838. It broke down, though, on its journey back, forcing the dignitaries aboard—including Governor Mason—to hoof it home.

Meanwhile, John D. Pierce, Michigan's first Superintendent of Public Instruction, had been building a case since 1837 for the creation of a teachers' training school in Michigan. The Legislature approved the act on March 28, 1849, paving the way for Eastern Michigan University.

The location of the school was fiercely contested, with propositions coming from Jackson, Marshal, Niles, Gull Prairie and Ypsilanti. Ypsilanti won.



Much of what remains of Ypsilanti history up to 1890 is connected with the economic success of the railroad, which brought even more business and residents to the city, and events which transcended local or county boundaries.

Ypsilanti was, as many Michigan cities were, a stop on the Underground Railroad, where blacks could seek refuge before entering Canada.

The year 1890 marks the completion of the Water Tower, a project initiated to improve and strenghten the waterworks system of the prosperous town. It has become arguably the city's most recognizable feature.

Built at a height of 147 feet, the tower is capable of holding 250,000 gallons of water. Its walls are 40 inches thick at the base and two feet thick at the top. Made of Joliet stone, the project was completed for $21,368 following a bond sale.

(For a more complete reading on Ypsilanti's history, there is *The Story Of Ypsilanti* by Harvey Colburn.)

YOU ARE ENTERING...

THE YPSI ZONE

Welcome. Today we explore the naming of a small settlement ideally located in what was once known as the Northwest Territory.

The characters within this adamic drama were brought here by chance, by fortune and by horseback. So sit back and listen as we enter...The Ypsi Zone.

They were entering a dimension of not only sight and sound, but of pain—saddlesore, that is. In our firt stop, we join Benjamin Woodruff and his friends searching out land for a new settlement.

Each settler had with him an Indian guide and Woodruff was no exception. Except his guide was cross-eyed. The first one to find spring water was to notify the others by a shout. Woodruff found some and ordered the clarion to go out.

He ordered the cross-eyed Indian to give a "yip-ee," an Indian signal cry, to announce their find.

"Yip, Slant eye," said Woodruff, calling his guide by the Indian name for cross-eyed. "Yip, Slant-eye, yip!" He did and the rest is Channel 20 reruns.

Our second stop is for gas. In our third stop, we join a group of settlers traveling up the Huron River in search of a place to camp. Their guide, at one given point, suddenly and violenty sneezed and said "Ypsilanti," which was the Indian word for good luck, or so it's said. The settlers then built their camp on that spot. We will later join the second half of that group of settlers and watch them build their city of "Ga-zun-tight."

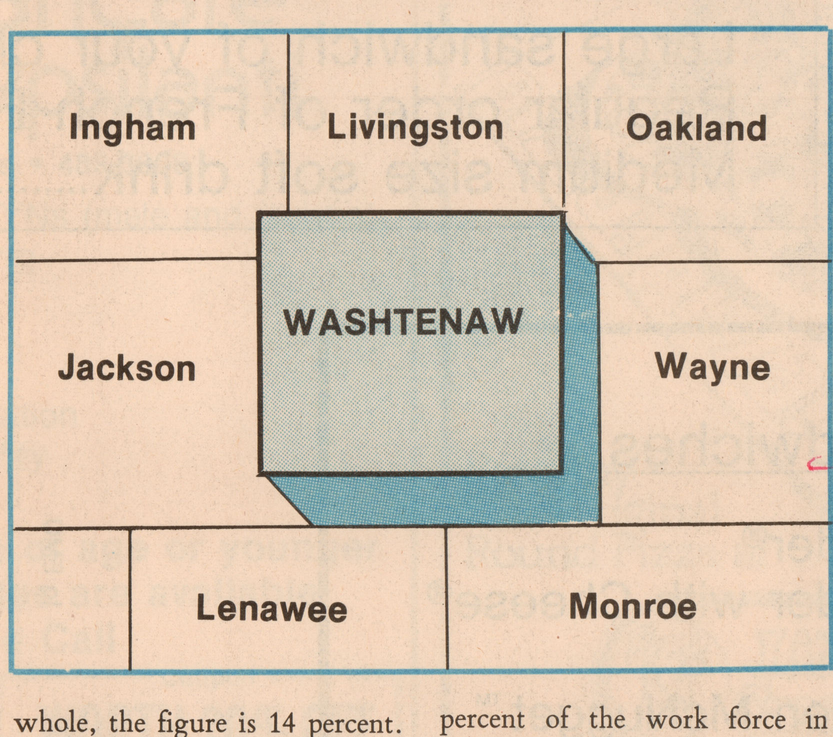
Colleges influence Washtenaw statistics

How much influence can five colleges and universities have on the demographic make-up of a Michigan county?

Quite a lot, according to 1980 census data released last fall in the **Washtenaw Area Data News**, a newsletter published by the Washtenaw Area Data Network, a local affiliate of the Michigan Information Network.

The results prove that the schools—Eastern Michigan Univerity, University of Michigan, Washtenaw Community College, Clearly College and Concordia College—have shaped the county's characteristics.

The data reveals that Washtenaw contains the most highly-educated, mobile and professional occupation people in the state of Michigan.



EDUCATION

College graduates constitute 36 percent of Washtenaw's adult (25 and over) population, far greater than that of any other county. Second place Ingham County has 26 percent, and for the state as a whole, the figure is 14 percent.

At the other end of the spectrum, those with less than a high school diploma, represent 19 percent, the lowest percentage in the state.

EMPLOYMENT

The high levels of education have an influence on the type of jobs most county residents hold. Washtenaw ranks highest in the percent of the work force in management and professional occupations with 32 percent. The county is also number one in working women, with a female labor force participation rate of 59 percent.

MOBILITY

Washtenaw tops all Michigan counties in two indicators of mobility. Forty percent of the population was born outside Michigan, either in another state (34 percent) or a foreign country (six percent). Sixty percent of residents had moved between 1975 and 1980, with 15 percent coming from another state during that period.

HOUSING

Washtenaw has the state's highest percentage of renters with 47 percent. Only 53 percent of its housing units are single-family homes, the lowest rate in a state where 71 percent of housing is single-family units.

Whether they own or rent, Washtenaw residents are second only to Oakland County residents in paying the highest prices for places to live. The mean value of owner-occupied housing is $67,217 and mean rent is $281.

The income used to pay these housing costs is higher than that of most outstate counties, but not as high as other counties in southeast Michigan. Washtenaw ranks 8th in household income and 4th in family income, behind

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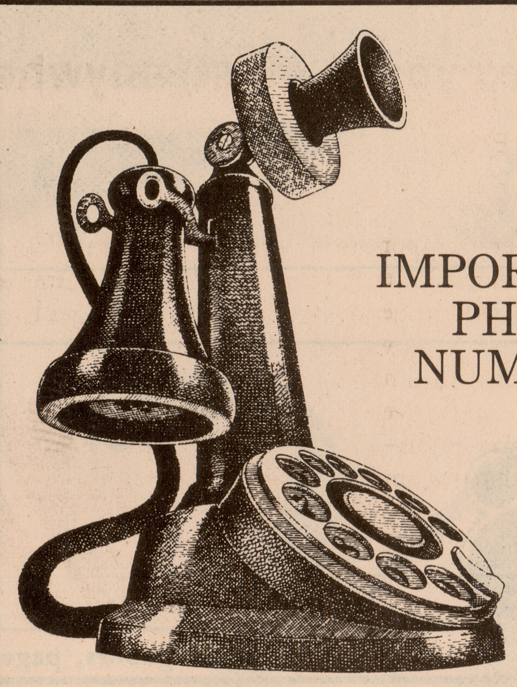


IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY

Emergency fire and police—911
Department of Public Safety (EMU police)—123 (emergency); 487-1222 (other)
Ypsilanti Fire Department—482-3311
Ypsilanti Police Department—505 W. Michigan Ave. 483-2311 (emergency); 483-9510 (information)
Washtenaw County Sheriffs Department—971-3311

POST OFFICE

U.S. Post Office—108 S. Adams. 482-6905

HOSPITALS

Beyer Hospital—Prospect Road. 484-2200.
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital—Huron River Drive, west of Rynearson Stadium. 572-4025
University of Michigan Hospital—762-1817

GAS

Michigan Consolidated Gas—663-8531

ELECTRICITY

Detroit Edison—769-5880

DENTISTS

Washtenaw District Dental Society—provides referrals and advice on dental problems. 483-4994

BUSES

Ann Arbor Transit Authority (AATA)—local bus service. 994-2895
Ypsilanti bus station—Greyhound, North Star and Shortway bus lines. W. Cross at Hamilton. 482-1350

City museum offers historical perspective

By MARK ESPER
News Editor

In 1809, when three French traders established a post on the west bank of an old Sauk Indian trail, (now Michigan Avenue), little did they realize that they had become the first white residents of what was to become the City of Ypsilanti.

Now, 175 years later, those pioneer days are gone, but certainly not forgotten. The Ypsilanti Historical Museum and Archives, in the heart of the City's Historical District, are keeping the memories alive by offering visitors a glimpse of life in 19th century Ypsilanti.

Housed in the beautiful brick mansion at 220 N. Huron St., the museum maintains a wide assortment of interesting exhibits.

CIVIL WAR artifacts, Indian arrowheads and many marvelous antiques fill the gracious Victorian rooms. Paintings by Bertha Goodison, an art instructor at the old Michigan Normal College are prominantly displayed in the museum.

The museum building was built in 1860 by Asa Dow, a successful businessman. The mansion, with four elegant fireplaces, was purchased by the city in 1960 and in 1970 was offered to the Ypsilanti Historical Society for use as a museum.

Several rooms have been furnished to represent a gracious home of the Victorian period. In each room are brief descriptions of the furnishings and a list of donors. These exhibits will be expanded as time permits and as new contributions are acquired.

The facility also houses the City Archives and the office of the City Historian, Foster Fletcher.

"Very few cities have archives as extensive as this," said Fletcher.

More than 40,000 biographical files, an extensive collection of early maps of the area, files on EMU, Black History, and early businesses fill the back rooms of the building.

HISTORIES OF most of the older homes in Ypsilanti are available for those interested in historic (or haunted) off-campus housing.

The museum also houses a unique collection of antique dollhouses, including some that were used in the ABC televison movie "The Dollmaker."

"We also have photographs of every mayor of Ypsilanti, as well as many prominent people associated with the Normal School," said Fletcher.

While the City Archives and Museum are marvelous sources of information for a wide variety of subjects, many unanswered questions about Ypsilanti's past remain.

For instance, although Fletcher was able to determine that Ypsilanti was the first city in Michigan to pay its Civil War debt, he has been unable to find out what the amount of that debt was.

"That's what I've been trying to figure out for years," said Fletcher.

Museum hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with free admission.

Depot Town keeps Ypsilanti's past on track

Ypsilanti residents can only wait and see if a technological achievement will restore and enhance the architectual and societal achievements of Depot Town.

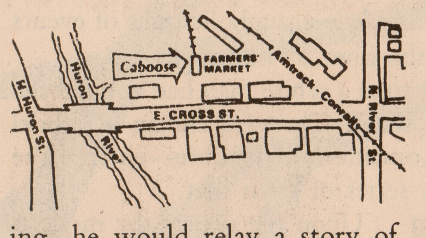
The rebuilding and opening of the Cross Street Bridge is expected to increase traffic flow and pedestrian access to a part of town which once served as one of the *only* parts of town. Greater access to Depot Town may be the key in communicating the ideas represented by this pocket of nostalgia.

Depot Town is, of course, a nestled village containing turn-of-the-century architecture and hospitality which attracts visitors nationwide to see, touch and smell vintage Americana.

THERE IS A character and aura to Depot Town resembling the effect that village shops and markets within Greenfield Village have upon the visitors. The difference is that Depot Town represents an integral part of a city's history and its shops and restaurants are authentic, not a collection.

A 15-minute walk down Cross Street from EMU will place you in a time vacuum, one which may deserve an appearance by Rod Serling.

If you happen upon Mr. Serling, he would relay a story of Depot Town that begins in the early 1830s.



At that time, the Detroit-Chicago Road (Michigan Avenue), was only a pipedream. But already land prices along the route had swelled, and so Mark Norris went east and built his saw mill on Frog Island, a depressed turf adjacent to Depot Town.

WHEN THE railroad came, the presence of Norris' mill had a significant influence on the placement of the depot on the east side of the river.

The fortunes of Depot Town and the railroad ran parallel. So successful was the depot area that competition with the city's west side developed. A compromise was reached, however, and the two villages were incorporated as the city of Ypsilanti in 1857.

Most of the standing buildings in Depot Town today were built during this era. As then, they house restaurants, boutiques and shops which still reflect the status quo of that age.

Activity in Depot Town decreased as interest in the railroad declined. Increased business by the Michigan Avenue shops and the advent of shopping malls has made survival for Depot Town businesses difficult.

But an increase in building preseveration interest, continued support from town merchants and a wider, more efficient bridge should usher in a new age for Depot Town. **—K.S. Merrill**

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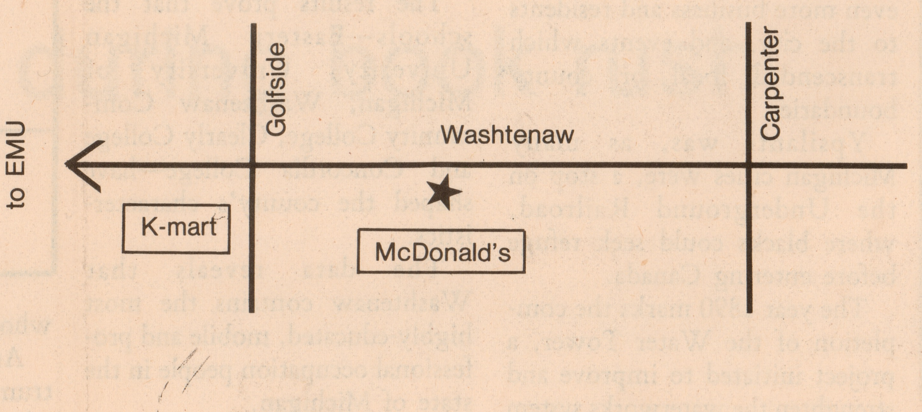

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NEW ERA—Members of the West Cross Street Community Project Team wish to usher in a new era for the district which borders on the EMU campus. Implementation of plans for new housing and new businesses is being pursued.

'The Ride'

AATA takes you (almost) anywhere

By JUDITH ALLSEITZ
Echo Staff Writer

In Honolulu, public transportation is called "The Bus." In Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, it is called "The Ride." But no matter what it's called, for many EMU students, it is the only way to get beyond the campus for shopping, shows and jobs.

Noted nationally for on-time reliability, cleanliness and driver courtesy—according to officials—"The Ride" will soon become even more user friendly.

The Ann Arbor Transit Authority (AATA), responding to the steady increase in the number of riders, is making several changes in route design beginning Sept. 15.

THE MAJOR change affecting EMU students is in the Packard Route, which now turns south at Mansfield several blocks before reaching the EMU campus.

After Sept. 15, The Ride will continue on Cross Street and turn southeast on Washtenaw Avenue at the Water Tower on its way to the Adams Street station in downtown Ypsilanti. The Ride will then pass McKenny Union on Cross on its way back to Ann Arbor.

The two routes that now service EMU—the Washtenaw and the Huron River—will remain as they are near the campus, although other changes are likely to be announced.

Kay Hahn, marketing manager of AATA, said that shortly after the beginning of the Fall semester, AATA is planning to display the new route changes and pass out packets of information to EMU students to inform them of the changes in the routing system.

THE RIDE used to compete with a campus shuttle bus service which transported students, primarily from married housing, to the EMU campus and back.

But low rider turnout, costly repairs and budget cuts forced the removal of the service after the 1980 budget was approved.

Perry Schechtman, manager of system development at AATA, said

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AATA

THE Ride

Project team works to create 'University village'

By TIM McINTYRE
Editor in Chief

It is, perhaps, an unrealistic dream; but a dream, nonetheless, that could come true with a little more time and effort. After all, dedication, commitment and support are already in place.

The dream? To turn what has been called the "encroaching blight" surrounding the Eastern Michigan University campus into a quiet, respectable home for students scattered throughout the area and a place for businesses to serve the residents of this district: the district known as the "University Village."

For nearly a year, more than 50 students, faculty, staff and community leaders have headed a major task force designed to do just that.

THE TASK force, the West Cross Street Community Project Team, was begun after representatives of EMU's Student Government approached the Board of Regents to ask for support in an effort to make the area surrounding EMU as safe and accessible as the campus itself.

Once the support was in place, the task of chairing this mammoth project team fell on the shoulders of Roy Wilbanks, assistant to EMU President John Porter for governmental and community relations. Wilbanks and Charles Monsma of the University's political science department broke the task force into three subcommittees: zoning, economic development and public services. Each was designed to study the political, social, emotional and financial implications any move the reorganize the area would have on its residents and business persons.

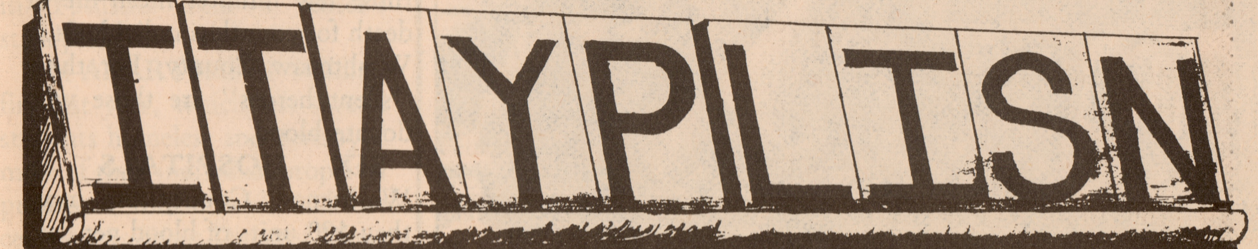
The support thus far has been good, even encouraging, in the eyes of those responsible for working on the project. Final recommendations have been approved and what needs to completed is the structure of an implementation committee to ensure that the recommendations don't get lost.

Wilbanks said he considers this his "most successful project yet," since coming on board at the University in August 1983. "I don't see how anyone could not approve of this plan," he said. "It would be like coming out against motherhood."

ONE OF THE keys to improving the area, which stretches down Cross Street from the Water Tower to Huron Street, is the proposed "fraternity/sorority row." Members of the task force's economic development team have approached area developers and landlords with the incentive of working directly with the University and its fraternities and sororities to set up leases and contracts for those groups to live in and remodel the homes in that area.

The idea is to move students groups who "are scattered all around the area," according to Wilbanks, into one section of the city. This would allow the University and its student groups to become more involved with one another and would set up a favorable climate for businesses which would cater specifically to the University community.

The "fraternity row" concept originated at the University of Virginia, which worked with developers and businesses to set



How do YOU spell Ypsilanti?

"Just slip out that E, Lee.
Take out the Y, Sly.
Add another A, May.
To spell Ypsilanti."

—A song Paul Simon never wrote

But had Simon been the postmaster of Ypsilanti during the 1880s, he would have surely adopted these lyrics.

While lovers were leaving in 50 different ways, letters were arriving with 63 different spellings of Ypsilanti.

Before the zip code, the city forefathers (the number was probably higher than that) could only scratch their heads when viewing the myriad of spellings.

Some were missing only a letter or two, but during that six month period in the 1880s, a few interpretations had only one or two letters *right.*

Ypsilanti was often begun with I, E, A, W and H. An accent or hyphen was added at times. But today, we cannot conceive of a spelling so off the wall as "Wyphsorlanter" or "W.Y. Pslanty."

The following is the list the post office compiled in the 1880s:

- Ypanlthlropi, Ipsileindi, Ypseylantia, Upsiljlantia, Epoilante, Ipsahontia, Ipsoalnti, Eipsly-Lanti, Ipciliontia, Eeypsssillanty, Eyspialanti, Ypssyllanti, ABsaLanty and Hipsalanti.
- Ipsylanta, Epsolynny, Epcilantia, Eplonsay, Ibcelandie, Ippsylanta, Epcilanti, Ippeslanding, Ypslanti, Ipsillanti, Hypsilantea, Ypshulantig, Apsalanta, Lipslantic, Uyselantio and Eybsylandy.
- Fypsilanti, HDypisalianty, Ipsolty, IPislanta, Gypesslante, Yplantie, Yeplanpha, Clypsalanta, Ypt-zy-luntia, Hypsilanthea, Ypslnaty, Wipsilanti and Iepcilunta.
- Ypisylvania, Ipsciluntum W.Y. Pslanty, Hipslyanty, Ipsalantie, Yulomtice, Ypsi-i-landtine, Ippslanty, Iipsalinta, Whipcalentia, Ibseliny, Hypslenti, E. Ypcaluntia, Zeplantice, Ibselandie, Iseland, Ebsalanda, Iscpylantia, Ippssalantia and Wyphsorlanter.

But then again, "What's in a name?"

Colleges affect county statistics

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Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

The county ranks highest in nonfamily households (38 percent), which includes students sharing apartments. In several categories likely to reflect the presence of students, such as nonfamily households, residents in group quarters (residence halls), and a move within the past five years, the highest ranking counties behind Washtenaw are Ingham (Michigan State University), Isabella (Central Michigan University), Mecosta (Ferris State) and Houghton (Michigan Tech), all areas where higher education is a major industry.

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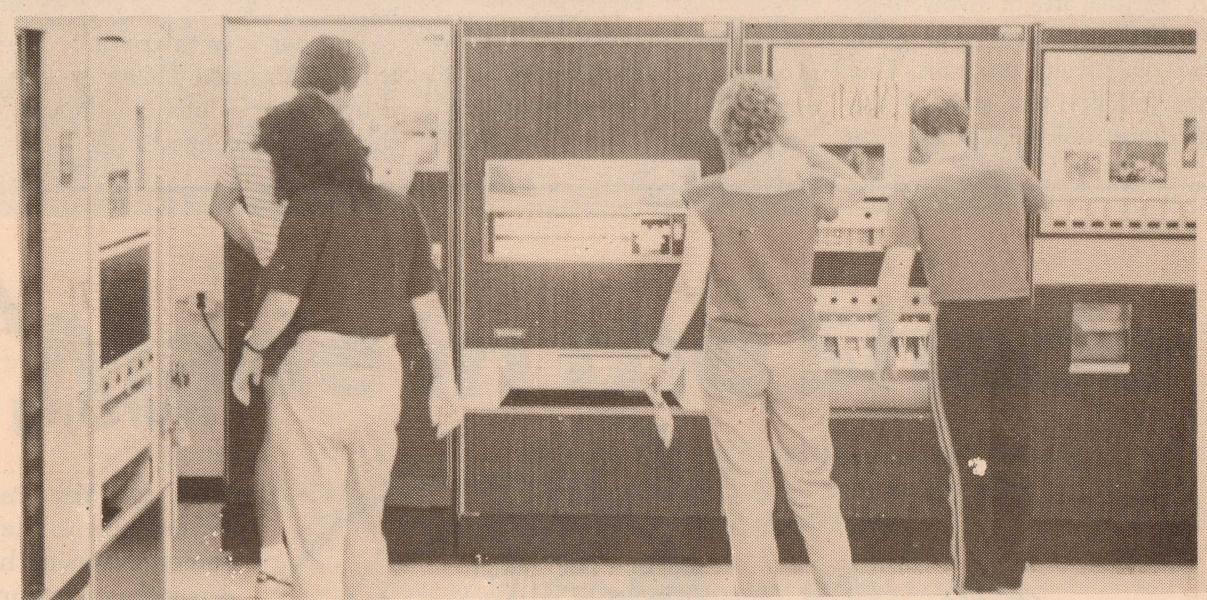

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That's the feeling of one of the regional representatives of the American Red Cross, the organization that supplies the nation's hospitals with blood donated from people just like you; blood that helps those hospitals work to keep people just like you alive and healthy.

Perhaps the second most important thing a student can do is take some time out of the day to make someone's life a little brighter.

In the Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor area, there are dozens of agencies designed to help those less fortunate; people who need food, shelter, clothing or just some time with friends.

The work these agencies do is outstanding. The people are dedicated, committed and truly believe that what they do will help. And they do help, but they also *need* help.

That's where you come in. The Eastern Michigan University family is 20,000 strong, and members of that family have the opportunity to volunteer some time and effort to make their lives and the lives of others have new meaning. Highlighted on this page are three organizations that need volunteers. Included is a list of other agencies and their phone numbers; these agencies also are in desperate need.

Throughout the coming months, the Echo will profile those agencies, what they do, where they do it and how to get involved. The next step is yours.

THEY NEED VOLUNTEERS

American Cancer Society, Washtenaw County 4105 Jackson Rd.	**668-8857**
Assault Crisis Center, Ann Arbor	**994-1616**
American Red Cross, 2729 Packard	**971-5300**
Boys' Club, 210 W. Cross	**481-0266**
Boys' Club, 221 N. Grove	**481-0270**
Foster Grandparent Program, 3501 Willis	**434-3400**
Full Circle Community Center, 317 Pearl	**485-2020**
Head Start CSA Parent Center, 304 W. Forest	**482-1930**
Meals on Wheels, 1110 W. Cross	**487-9669**
SOS Community Crisis Center, 114 N. River	**485-3222**
United Way, 3201 Platt	**971-8200**
Ypsilanti Plasma Center, 309 Pearl	**482-6790**

SILENT HEROES—Students, staff and faculty who donate blood are seen as "silent heroes" in the eyes of the nurses who work for the American Red Cross.

Red Cross looking for 'silent heroes'

"Heroes" are among us. They live near us, eat with us, attend class with us. Perhaps you're one of them. They can't readily be seen because they are, in fact, "silent heroes."

They're just like everyone else, with one exception. Once or twice every year, they take a few minutes out of their day to save someone's life.

It only takes a few minutes, but those few minutes mean life or death for countless individuals in Washtenaw County. For those "silent heroes" are those who donate blood.

SIX HOSPITALS in Washtenaw County use more than 180 units of blood per day. In a five county radius, 75 hospitals use more than 900 each day, every day of the year. It literally does mean the difference between life and death.

Eastern Michigan University is full of those silent heroes and potential heroes will have an opportunity to join the ranks at least four times this year. Beginning Oct. 16, the American Red Cross of Washtenaw County will begin its first four-day blood drive on campus.

"The single most important thing a student can do is take some time out of their day to save someone's life." That's the opinion of Neal Fry, one of the regional representatives of the Red Cross, who, in affiliation with the Southeastern Michigan Regional Blood Center works through the year trying to ensure that the county hospitals have enough blood the help surgery patients, accident victims and others who desperately need it.

The biggest misconception? "That it's gonna hurt," Fry said. "And students think we don't need them, but we really, really do."

FRY SAID giving blood is no different from having a blood test. It feels like "just a little pinch in the arm," she said. "Our nurses stand for six hours a day every day taking blood donations—there's absolutely no pain involved whatsoever."

The goal each year is to get at least 20 percent of a given population to donate, Fry said. The key source, but one of the most difficult, is young people.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 lbs., she said. A person of that weight averages about 12 pints of blood, which is more than enough to compensate donating one.

The maximum age for donations is 66, she said.

A DONOR can give blood every 56 days but no more than five times per year, and many people do. But it's still not enough.

The American Red Cross would like to recognize those heroes who donate, Fry said. Beginning this month, those who do will receive sticker that says, simply, "silent hero."

"That's what they really are," she said.

The American Red Cross office is open for donations every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and is located at 2729 Packard Rd. The phone number is 971-5300. Hours vary daily.

The Ypsilanti Plasma Center, open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., is located at 309 Pearl St. It can be reached at 482-6790.

—Tim McIntyre

Help area's scouts be prepared for life

By CAROLE ZAKRZEWSKI
Echo Staff Writer

If you are an individual who believes in the Boy Scout or Girl Scout programs as a way to learn skills and develop values while having fun, there may be a place for you as a volunteer.

There is a full range of volunteer leader training available in both the Wolverine Council of Boy Scouts of America and the Huron Valley Girl Scouts Council.

A potential area of involvement in the Boy Scout training program is the Merit Badge program. This is the advancement state of the Boy Scouts, but it could not happen without the service of thousands of merit badge counselors—like yourself—who are expert in particular subjects like arts, crafts, sports, trade or areas including personal hobby or profession.

AS A VOLUNTEER, you help the scout meet certain requirements in order to receive his merit badge.

The Girl Scouts have a similiar program in which the volunteers with a special skill share it with the girls to help them earn a badge and other recognitions.

Girl Scouting is one of the few programs which offers girls the opportunity to develop and practice individual talents and skills, resourcefulness and cooperation with others. Programs are created within a structure that stresses individual growth rather than traditional male versus female roles.

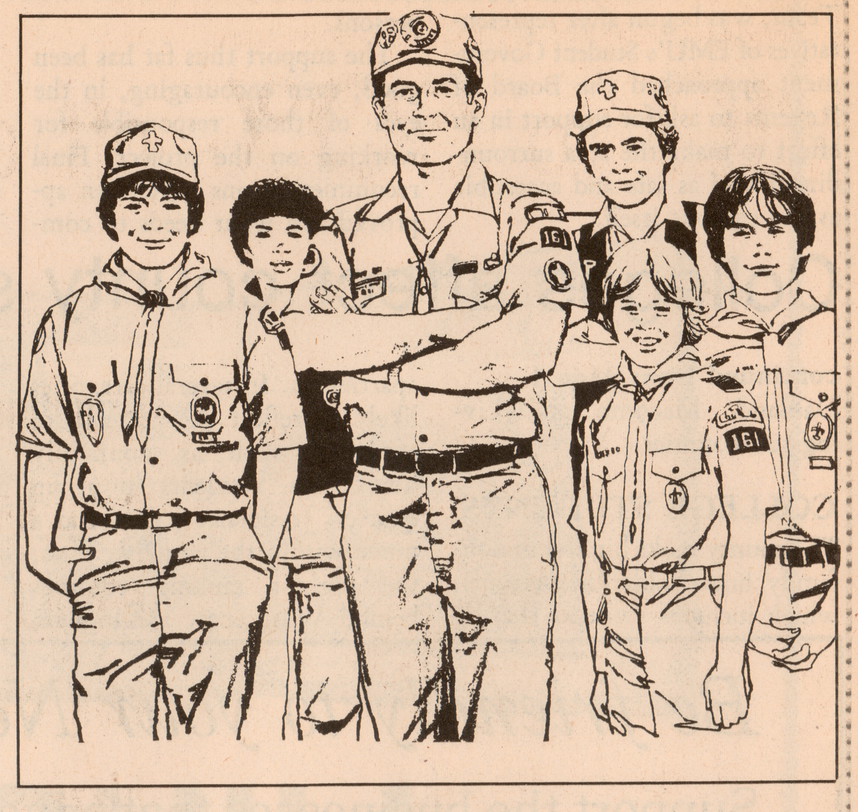
Both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts focus on instilling confidence and inspiration to accept life's challenges and to follow through until success is realized.

THE ADULT volunteer-boy/girl partnership is an important element of scouting because it helps complement the participants by aiding one another in this growing process.

Another way to continue the scouting tradition while at college is by joining Alpha Phi Omega, the "college connecton." These students are former scouts and non-scouts who share the same kind of background and principals—students who want to be of service to others as well as to themselves.

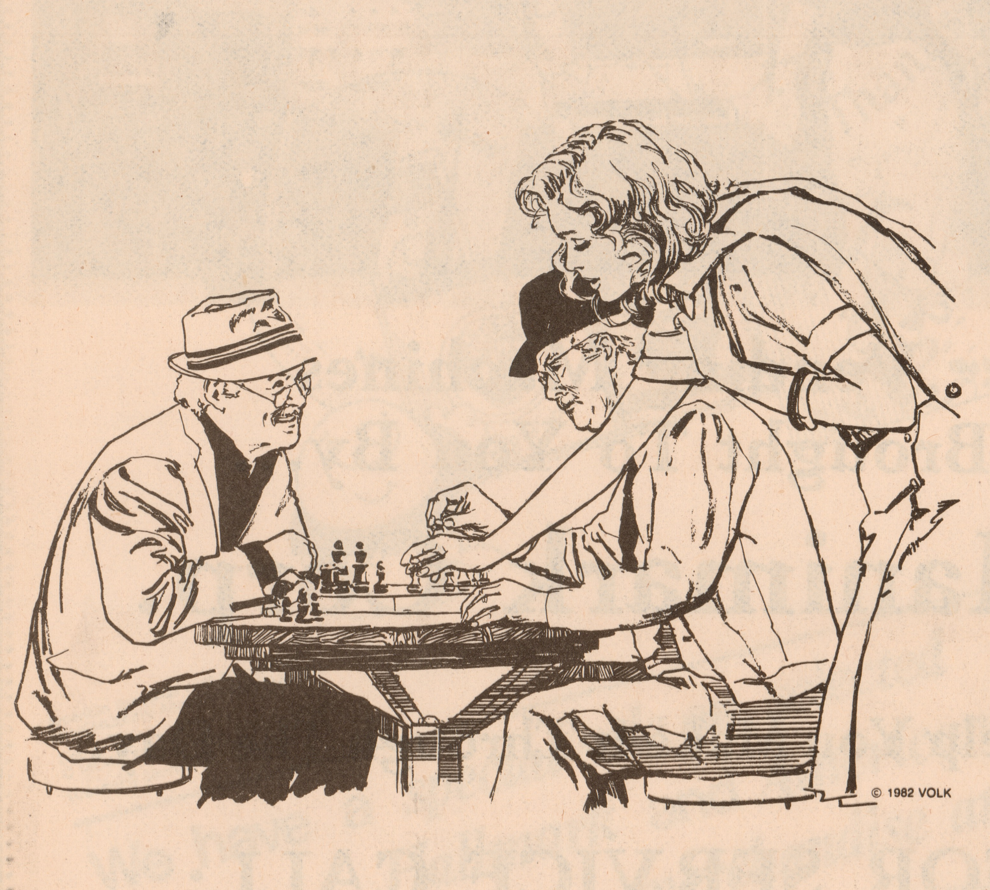
Girl Scouting in Huron Valley involves close to 3,000 adult volunteers including college students, grandparents, couples, career persons and parents. Volunteers may serve with either the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts on a regular basis, in a troop or on a short-term basis with a special committee.

For more information on how to become involved with the Boy or Girl Scouts through volunteer work, call Bob Rydall (971-7100) or Barb Radabaugh (483-2371).



Adopt a grandparent

Nursing homes, convalescent centers need your help



To say "Yes" may be difficult, but to volunteer a little of your time to the elderly in the way of the foster grandparent or nursing home visitors program may give you the personal satisfaction you are seeking.

Willa Bates, Township Senior Center supervisor, said the center provides food, fun and fellowship for the senior citizens, but there still is a need for volunteers.

"We have people who really need somebody," she said. Volunteers could help in areas such as putting in screens, storm windows or air conditioners, raking leaves, mowing lawns or shopping for groceries.

FOR SOME senior citizens, nursing homes are the only answer. Through family and friends, the elderly experience a loving and warm relationship, but often this environment may change because of the death of a spouse, illness or the loss of children and friends as they move away.

Since the quality of the environment plays an important part in the health of individuals, the nursing homes have a social service program where volunteers are needed.

Sandra Iaderosa from the Evergreen Hills Convalescence Home in Saline said Hill's 107 residents could use more one-to-one attention in areas such as helping out during the feeding times, reading to the bed-ridden or writing letters.

Kith Haven-Ypsilanti Activities Director Tammy Opfermann said volunteers are needed in all areas and that Recreation Therapy and Occupational Therapy majors would be able to fulfill their volunteer hour requirements.

THERE ARE 180 residents at Kith Haven, but only 40 are active. There is an activities room with a piano and organ and Opfermann said they run two programs daily, morning and afternoon. Volunteers are needed for these times in such areas as arts and crafts, cooking or music.

Special events occur once a month and a carnival is planned for this fall. Volunteers are needed to organize and run various booths, set up and decorate and make posters.

Donna Crosswait, social worker and activity director of the Evangelical Convalescence Nursing Home in Saline, sums up the response of most nursing homes: "We have a place for them (volunteers.) We never have too many."

For more information on how to become involved with volunteer work, call:

- Willa Bates—483-8797
- Sandra Iaderosa—483-5421
- Tammy Opfermann—483-6125
- Donna Crosswait—429-9401
- White Hall Convalescence Home, Virginia Siantz—971-3230

—Carole Zakrzewski

Farmers' Market harvests unique selling approach

Located in historic Depot Town, the Ypsilanti Farmers' Market boasts "direct marketing" as a way to persuade customers in search of the freshest fruits and vegetables.

The majority of sellers farm in the greater Ypsilanti area. However, some travel more than 100 miles each day to the Market.

Farmers who sell their goods at the Market eliminate such costs as packing, shipping, processing, and retailing, which results in savings for the customer and a greater return for the farmer.

BY PURCHASING GOODS directly from those who grow it, customers are also supporting the agricultural industry of Michigan.

Eggs and bacon, jams and jellies, and home baked pies and pastries are available in addition to the fruits and vegetables. Of course, the various fruits are available depending upon the season.

The Farmers' Market offers a unique, old-fashioned shopping environment to make it an enjoyable and memorable experience for the entire family. There are exhibits, food demonstrations, and craft activities.

The Market is open year round, but selling peaks during the summer season when as many as 40 vendors participate.

THE MARKET IS located on the outdoor plaza and inside the freighthouse during the summer months and only inside the freighthouse in the winter.

The Farmers' Market is currently open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For the latest produce harvests and Market activity information, call 483-1480.

—Jim Russ

YPSILANTI HISTORICAL MUSEUM

YPSI PROFILE

DID YOU KNOW...

•Ypsilanti is the second largest city in Washtenaw County?
•there are more than 1,000 retail/service establishments within Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township?
•there are approximately 34,500 households in Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and Superior Township?
•that in service and extensions, there are 58,274 telephones operating? (Dec. 1981)
•that there are 85 churches representing 30 denominations in the area?
•that Ypsilanti Township is the second largest township in the state?

ALTITUDE....................690-795 feet above sea level
CLIMATE...................four seasons, average monthly temperatures range from 72 degrees in August to 17 degrees in February. Average annual precipitation is 30 inches.
GOVERNMENT....................Council-Manager form Manager carries out policies of the City Council. Ten persons serve on council for two-year terms and elected based on wards.
POPULATION....................city—24,031 (1982 est.) Township—44,511
AREA...............City—4.19 square miles. Township—31.58 square miles

Tenants Union prepared to help renters in need

By K. S. MERRILL
Managing Editor

> *An unbelievable amount of students live in sub-standard housing. Some are taking real chances in spots.*
>
> —McCormick

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue.

This nuptial adage can easily be adapted to the status and direction of this year's EMU-sponsored Ypsilanti Tenants Union.

Staffed by student interns and incorporated into a network of other services within the Student Services Office of Student Government, the Tenants Union offers a potpourri of literature and advice for area tenants (and sometimes the landlords.)

THE "SOMETHING old" phase acknowledges the continued series of brochures and hours of advice that have recently increased the prestige and usefulness of the student-operated facility.

Funding for the services center comes entirely from Student Government (SG) and has grown from allocations totaling $1,100 in fall 1982 to a block allocation for winter 1984 totaling nearly $3,900. And its new director expects more this year.

"It indicates from Student Government a degree of seriousness to the office...that they value it. They expect certain things, but that's fine," said Kevin McCormick, Student Services' new director and Ypsilanti city councilman.

The expectation grew in conjunction with the term last year of Sandy Pfau, who initiated many of the new approaches the Tenants Union and Student Services have taken.

"SHE HAD A real tough row to hoe. She made a lot of advancement," McCormick said.

But still more advancements must be made, he added.

"An unbelievable amount of students live in sub-standard housing. Some are taking real chances in spots.

"There's a lot to be corrected in Ypsilanti from a renter's standpoint."

AN APARTMENT building fire last year, which left several students homeless and destroyed most of their individual property, prompted McCormick and the center's Assistant Director Diane Bechel to review and recommend rentor's insurance as a Tenants Union service—the "something new."

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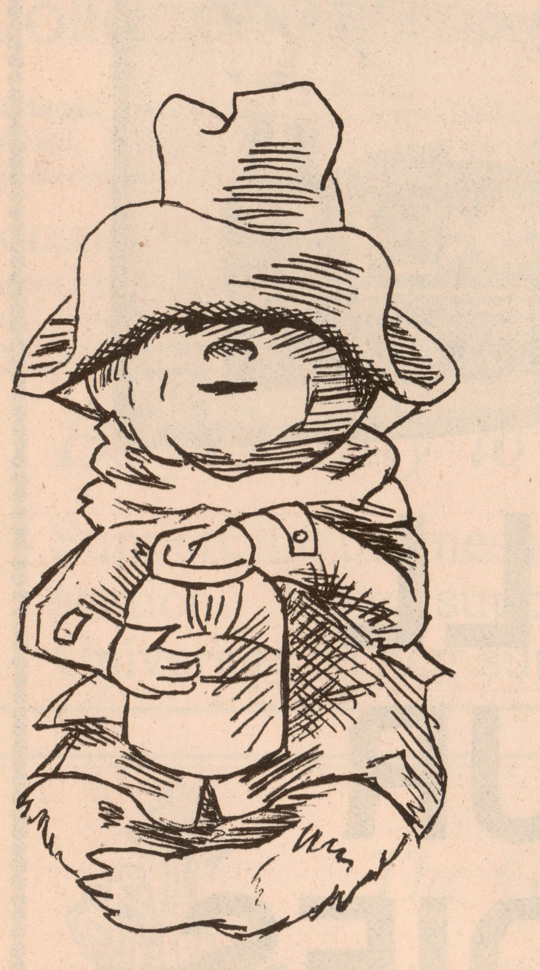

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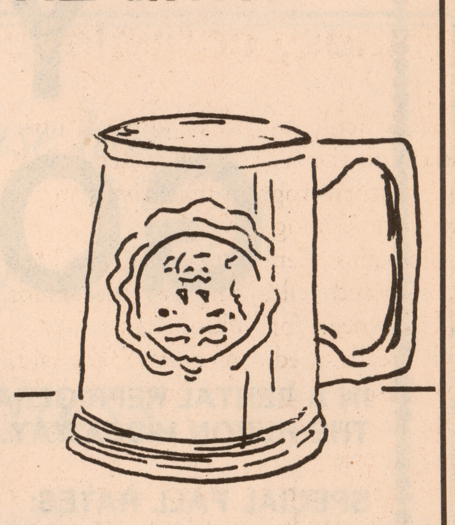

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'Mainstreet Ypsilanti' plans to provide city its rennaissance

By NICOLE ROBERTSON
Assistant Editor-Features

All across America, small towns are dying out. Older communities lose the support of residents and become run-down from lack of care. A similiar fate has befallen Ypsilanti, some say.

But in the next three years, downtown Ypsilanti will undergo a rennaissance, if Susan Mosey gets her way.

Mosey is the project manager of ''Mainstreet Ypsilanti,'' a program designed to bring the downtown area back to its productive potential.

THE MAINSTREET program began in 1975 by reviving three dying cities: Madison, IN, Hot Springs, SD and Galesburg, IL.

When these pilot cities achieved their goals, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (a non-profit organization) began to receive calls from small towns across the United States asking, ''What are *we* going to do to save our buildings and businesses?''

In Ypsilanti, half a dozen or more businesses left the area in a short period of time. Most of them left when the Briarwood shopping complex opened. Stores such as Kresge's, Cunningham's, Grinnel's and D & C Dime Store could not compete in the new market. The Martha Washington Theater, once a family movie house, became the Art Theater (X-rated).

The answer came when Mainstreet began planning for Ypsilanti's comeback. The first step was to hire an urban planner. Mosey, who has a background in planning, was hired early this year to begin the project.

TO ENSURE THE turnaround, work must be done in four areas, Mosey said: promotions, design and rehabilitation, business recruitment and economic development.

First, the business climate must be improved to make the downtown more attractive to shoppers and to new retailers. The remaining business people must unite their efforts to upgrade the image of the area.

One of the ways Mainstreet is upgrading Ypsilanti's image is by having a full-time street sweeper, a retiree in a white uniform, working not so much to keep the street clean as to convey the message that 'We care.'

Another way is by the restoration of the downtown buildings. Ypsi Cycle, for instance, has revived its facade by stripping off the aluminum siding and restoring its original gothic architecture.

ONCE THE older buildings are renovated, Mainstreet hopes the look will attract new business to the area.

But these new businesses will be different from the ones who thrived here in the past.

''All our older retailers eventually will probably be gone,'' said Mosey. ''This is what's happening all over the country. When the malls came in...we (could) not offer traditional retailing and make a go of it. We've got to go into some kind of specialty retailing. Restaurants and entertainment act as the anchors for the downtown: it's no longer the department stores. They can't compete with Meijer's and K-mart, so we had to start looking for something different.''

So the key to survival is a different sort of retailer who can meet the new needs of the community. And it seems to be working well in other Michigan cities like Lansing, Jackson and Holland. The reversal process takes hard work and a little time—three years for a complete turn-around, Mosey said.

THE BIG STEP, the recruiting process, will probably begin next spring during the construction season, according to Mosey. A recruitment team including a banker, attorney and a representative of the city will present a packet of promotional material prepared to show the prospective retailer how he or she can make a good living in Ypsilanti.

To make it even easier, Mainstreet is setting up a low-interest loan pool in conjunction with the local banks. At present, there is a program in which the city will offer 50 percent of the rehabilitation cost at 5 percent interest and any of several local banks will loan the rest for one point over prime. Unfortunately, Mosey said, there has been little response to this program in the four years it has been offered.

But with a lot of pushing to promote the city, that situation should change.

Already there have been new additions to the business community. Breakaway Travel, Sterling Optical, the Mainstreet Saloon and Ypsi Cycle have all taken the risk of investing in Ypsilanti's future as a money-making area.

''We want to promote the heritage of Ypsilanti,'' said Mosey. ''It's historic preservation but it's preservation for a profit also. We want our business people to come here and do good business.

''We're in favor of historic preservation because it makes good economic sense, and over the long haul, it is going to stabilize this downtown.

''We want to get people living, working and recreating in the downtown area.''

''We believe in this area being as close to Ann Arbor and being way more reasonable in terms of rent, and given the beautiful architecture, there will be a market here.''

Take a ride the AATA way

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AATA should carry 3.3 million passengers by the end of this year.

''This is an increase of 10 percent over last year and 50 percent over 1980. Four hundred passengers a day board The Ride at McKenny Union alone.''

SCHECHTMAN said since 1979, when AATA began large bus service, that ridership increased from 2 million to more than 3 million with virtually no increase in expenses.

''The density of population, ridership, trip generators (schools, hospitals, shopping centers and office buildings) and citizens' requests are all considered before changes in service are made,'' he said.

''We also conduct an annual on-board market survey to determine 'on-time reliability,' driver courtesy, cleanliness, route design and riders' suggestions to improve service.''

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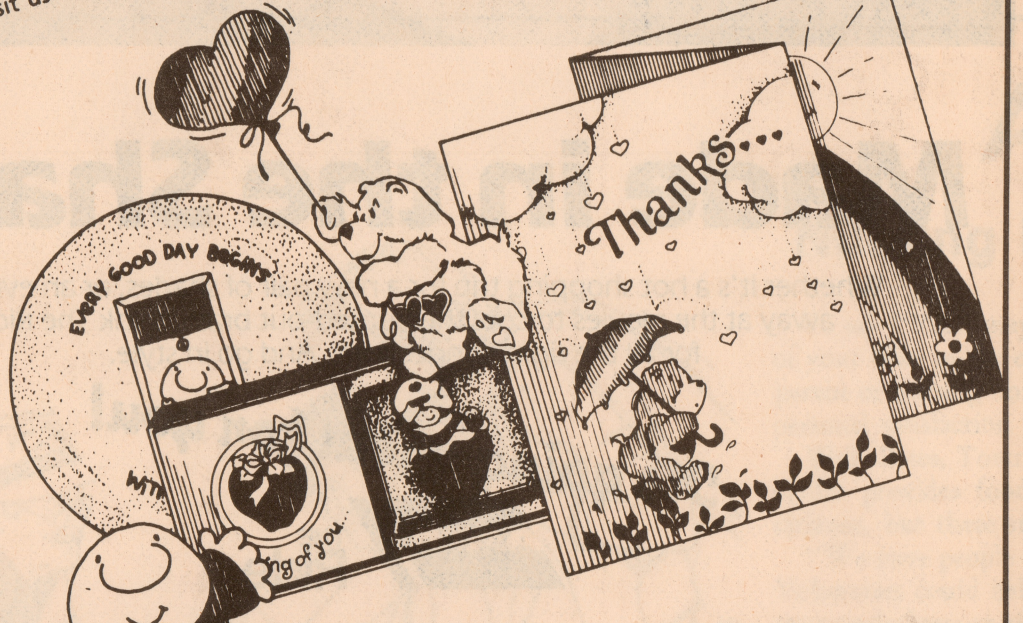

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Cross Street Team working for a better 'U'

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about renovating its fraternity/sorority homes to rekindle the so-called "Southern Greek tradition." The plan has worked, and so provides another catalyst in the University's attempt to provide incentives for developers and students.

Officials say once the fraternity/sorority housing plan is initiated, other steps will be taken to ensure business persons that the "University Village" is the place to set up shop. Plans are underway to work with the city, county and state to slow down traffic on Cross Street which has been seen as the main thruway for traffic heading west from Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor.

SLOWING traffic, adding more streetlights (a plan initiated by the University in cooperation with the Ypsilanti City Council) and having city, University police foot patrols (which is already underway) will increase pedestrian traffic in the area.

An added concern, in fact the reason for the project in the first place, is that of safety. In September 1982, then-Student Body President Dave Taylor approached the Student Affairs Committee and the regents about his and other students' concerns about the "element" living or present on the streets.

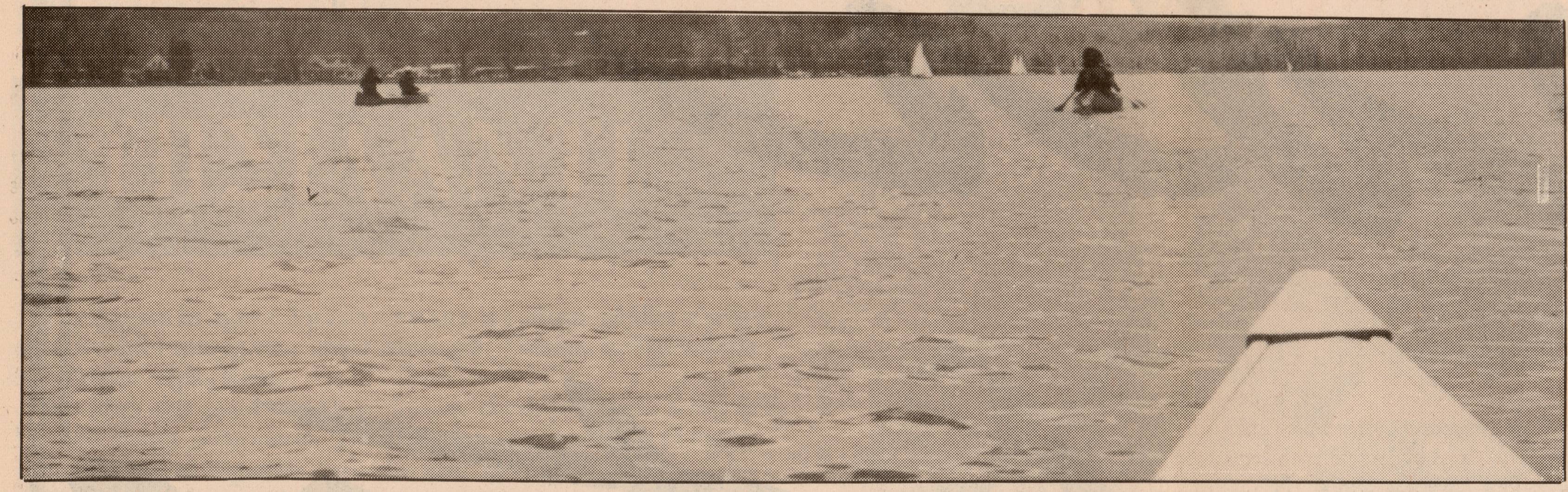
The city and University police departments have responded to those concerns with regular 16-hour foot patrols. The project team is asking the city to develop procedures which would allow officers to issue "appearance tickets" for misdemeanor violations which occur in their presence, according to an executive summary of the team's recommendations.

Another key to success, project planners say, is the possible rezoning of the area and increased code enforcement.

"THIS AREA would be zoned for business and commercial uses which supplement and complement the activities of the University, and for residential uses which are University approved or affiliated," if the program is successful, the recommendations state.

Target dates for the project have been proposed. All planning activities are set to begin this month and be finished by August 1985. In September, the opening ceremonies are set to begin.

PLANNERS—Members of the West Cross Street Community Project Team discuss ways to improve the area at one of their many summer meetings.



ANOTHER VIEW—The Huron River takes on a unique beauty when seen from the angle of a canoe. The river is said to be a great start for beginners who seek to take up this relaxing activity.

Huron just the place for beginning canoers

By NICOLE ROBERTSON
Assistant Editor—Features

It is a sunny, mild fall day in Ypsilanti. You and your best friend are floating quietly down the Huron River in a canoe. The river is partially shaded by the trees you pass on each bank and splatters of light dance on the water.

The air has that distinct fall crispness and you can hear the waves ripple against the canoe as your oars break the surface.

Canoeing the Huron in your own backyard is available to only select groups of individuals along the river's course. EMU and Ypsilanti are members of this distinct company.

IF YOU ARE not a river enthusiast and do not own your own canoe, area rental shops have eliminated that roadblock (or riverblock).

Eastern has made renting easy for its faculty, staff and students with the creation of the Olds Outdoor Recreation Center. The center supplies all the gear needed, except shade and ripples, for $4 a day.

Robert Hunt of the Outdoor Recreation Center said there is nothing for the inexperienced canoeist to fear.

"It is a slow river, and not very difficult," he said. "It is a good beginner's river."

HUNT SAID the river's depth is about two feet lower than usual this year because of damming north of the city. The lack of rain this summer has not helped either, he added.

In October, the rec center has scheduled a kayaking clinic taught by the University of Michigan kayak club leader, a full-fledged canoe-camping trip and an overnight backpacking trip. Hunt said there will be other day-long trips this fall, depending upon the students' response to the program.

SG's Tenants Union helps student renters

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"I really think this will be one of our major advances for the year," McCormick said.

The renter's insurance brochures arrived in July and specify degrees of coverage and deductables. The "Student Personal Property Plan" is sponsored through National Student Services, Inc.

IF STUDENTS don't utilize the Tenants Union and its materials on ins rance, Student Services is discussing the likelihood of distributing the packets to landlords, including other tenant information, in anticipation that they would distribute the information.

"That will guarantee that at least the thought of insurance will get out there. It might also foster a spirit of cooperaton between us (tenants) and the landlords that's never existed before."

The Tenants Union has used "something borrowed" to ensure that the renter becomes an active particpant within the renting experience.

Much of the Student Services allocation last year (no breakdown is available for funding of its other services) went to the publication of four rental booklets, the texts of which were primarily provided by the Tenants Resource Center in East Lansing.

The Union has borrowed professional advice for problems requiring technical background from the city's Building Inspection Department. Increased budget appropriations has tripled that department's staff (from one to three) and the gain should be helpful in enforcing codes that have long been ignored, McCormick said.

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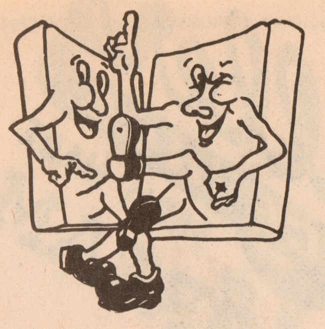

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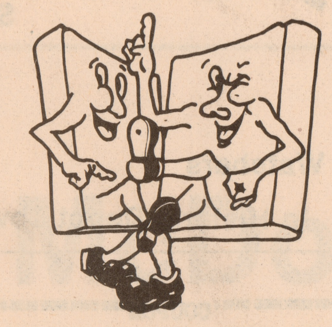

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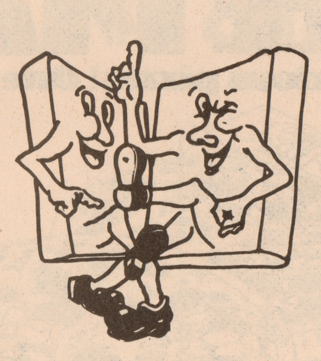

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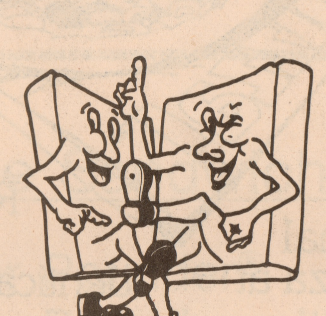

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